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Q (SPENCER DAVIS): MR. SECRETARY, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS ALSO A NUCLEAR POWER. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF LATE THAT THE PACE OF NORMALIZATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PEKING HAS BEEN SLOWING DOWN. WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THAT? AND ALSO WHETHER YOU PLAN TO VISIT THERE. AND IF SO, IF THE NUCLEAR QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED.

A. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PACE OF NORMALIZATION IS SLOWING DOWN FROM THE GENERAL TREND THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. OBVIOUSLY, IN THE FIRST YEAR, WHEN A RADICAL CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP OCCURRED, IT WAS MORE DRAMATIC THAN IT HAS BEEN SINCE. BUT I BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO BE COMMITTED

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TO THE GENERAL COURSE THAT WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING.

I HAVE NO IMMEDIATE PLAN TO VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA. BUT I HAVE BEEN VISITING THERE ABOUT ONCE A YEAR.
SO IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. WHAT I WILL DISCUSS ON A VISIT THAT
HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE IT FOR
A LITTLE LATER. SISCO

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